

REMARKS

FORMAL MATTERS:

Claims 20-37 were examined and rejected. Claims 1-19 were previously cancelled.

By this Amendment, claims 20-27 have been cancelled and claims 38-42 have been added.

Support for these amendments is found throughout the specification and particularly on pages 18-20 and in Figs. 28-31. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Claims 38-42 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The Applicants note that an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS), including a PTO-1449 form, was submitted in this application on upon filing of the present application on July 3, 2003. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial and return this 1449 form, thereby indicating that the references cited in the IDS have been reviewed and made of record. For the Examiners convenience, a copy of this form is enclosed herewith.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 20-37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 6,624,882. As claims 20-37 have been cancelled, this rejection has been made mute.

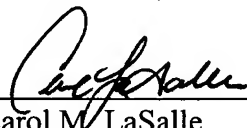
CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number LIFE-090CON4.

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